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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Information Management Staff, DO

FROM: [redacted]

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Office of Legislative Liaison

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SUBJECT: Briefing of Oversight Committees on DO Files
Exempted from FOIA

1. On 27 February 1985, the Agency provided the Chairman and Ranking Minority members of the HPSCI and SSCI with the memorandum by which the DCI designated certain DO file categories for exemption from the FOIA requirements of search, review, and publication. In the transmittal letter, we indicated that the attachments to the memorandum are available in the Agency. Based upon my conversations with the staff of the HPSCI and SSCI, it is likely that they will ask to examine these attachments as part of their review.

2. I recommend that this upcoming request should be handled in a low key manner. Although I would prefer that the staff come out to the Agency to review the documents in question, I suspect that they will ask us to come to their offices with the material. I would suggest that the officers directly involved in the FOIA implementation effort take these documents over to the committees and wait there while the staff reviews them. The principal officers who should attend this briefing are [redacted]

[redacted] IMS; and the undersigned. I suspect that the HPSCI and SSCI staff will have certain questions after reviewing these documents, and that hopefully we will be able to answer those questions while they are reviewing the material. It is entirely possible, however, that the staff will require a second briefing to answer additional questions that they may have. Should a second briefing be required, I suggest that it be held at Headquarters and should be attended by the above mentioned group plus the D/OIS, C/IMS and the Assistant General Counsel to the DO.

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3. In addition to showing the HPSCI and SSCI the attachments to the memorandum by which the DCI designated DO files, I recommend that the Agency be prepared to show the staff of the HPSCI and SSCI [redacted] These DOIs govern the establishment of Operational Activity files, Operational Interest files, Personality files, and Policy and Management files. They are referred to in [redacted] [redacted] which sets forth the procedures by which DO files have been designated. Based upon the HPSCI's handling of the Office of Security designations, I believe that they will ask to review these DOIs and we should be prepared to honor this request. I would recommend, however, that we not volunteer to show them this material. It should only be provided if they specifically ask for it.

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4. If you have any concerns or objections to the procedure I have outlined, please contact me as soon as possible.

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